

"Beyond the Basic - Beekeeping for Improvers"

A one day course to be held on Sunday 4th March 2012
at the Kent Science Resource Centre, Sittingbourne, ME9 8GU

Although the basics of beekeeping are not difficult to pick up, once newer beekeepers have kept a couple of colonies for a few years, it becomes apparent that there is more to this than the basics! This short course examines some of the key aspects of becoming a better beekeeper - a clearer understanding of swarming and swarm-control, aspects of colony handling, an appreciation of current "best practice" in dealing with varroa and a critical examination of the management required for successful over-wintering. Additionally, the course touches upon disease recognition, the legal framework surrounding beekeeping and the avenues available to newer beekeepers to improve their knowledge and skills.

This course is being offered as a path-finder for the whole concept of using KSRC as a Kent training centre for 2nd level beekeeping, available to all Kent beekeeping associations and tutored by knowledgeable beekeepers from all over Kent.

As such, this invitation is extended to two groups of beekeeper

- The primary target audience - newer beekeepers with at least 2 years experience and/or "The Basic"
- Potential tutors for this programme*

If you would like to attend, please complete the form below and send off with your cheque to secure a place. Places will be allocated in order of receipt of cheques, 35 places are available.

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Please reserve a place on "**Beyond the Basic – Beekeeping for Improvers**"
at KSRC on Sunday 4th March 2012, 10.30 – 4pm (arrive from 10am)

Name: _____ Asscn. _____
Email _____ Tel _____ Postcode _____

- *I confirm that I have kept bees for 2 years and/or have passed the Basic*
- *I am a potential tutor for this programme*

Please post this application form and enclose a cheque for £15, made payable to R M Smith**, to Cherry Tree Cottage, 50 Hollywood Lane, Wainscott, Rochester, Kent ME3 8AR. Applications will be acknowledged by email, with joining instructions

* Potential tutors are particularly welcome to attend; considerable support is being prepared in order to assist would-be tutors to take up this challenge.

** This is an interim arrangement, until the money-handling aspects can be sorted out.